

NEWARK-ESSEX CORE

MINUTES: 1-12-1962

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Newell Weber.

Mr. Carter gave a brief report from the Employment Committee. Their project involved investigation of discriminatory hiring practices of local banks. General observations seem to indicate few banks hiring Negro employees except on a token basis. Mr. Carter felt, as Chairman of this committee, that our organization should not endeavor to seek changes in this area at this time.

Mr. Curvin, our representative to the CORE Regional Coordinating Council, gave a report on a meeting of the Council held on 1-11-62.

The purpose of that meeting was to outline and define the Structure and Purpose of the newly formed Coordinating Council, to be called MACC (Metropolitan Area Coordinating Council). The stress would be on greater inter-area cooperation, among the various local CORE groups.

Mr. C. also stated that a motion was made & passed for CORE to try to attract more "rank & file" Negroes.

Mr. Weber reported on a meeting of the IUE Council meeting on Civil Rights. An interesting & important topic of discussion was that of discrimination against Puerto Ricans, & the need to attract more (or any) Puerto Ricans to CORE.

Mr. Weber brought up the matter of representation of our group to the CORE National Council to be held Feb. 10 & 11th in Cincinnati Ohio-Covington, Ky. Mr. Weber & Mr. Carter volunteered to represent this group. *Norma was to be chairman of fund-raising committee.*

A general discussion of Discrimination in Housing followed with Mr. Curvin making a motion that we devote the next meeting to the new Housing Laws. Mr. Harvard is to obtain a speaker from the Civil Rights Commission.

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Mr. Weber brought up the ~~point~~ subject of raising funds badly needed by our National Office to meet the costs of last year's "Freedom Rides". At least \$250,000 is still needed--& should be raised within the next month & a half. Letters of Appeals have been sent out, & follow-up letters are to be sent. ~~Norma is to head a fund raising committee for this purpose.~~

Robert Curvin & Don Carter also brought up the possibility of investigating Sears & Roebucks Dept Store on Elizabeth Ave., which appears to have only a token number of Negro sales personnel, even though they cater largely to a Negro trade.

Donald Carter is to be the Chairman of the Committee investigating Police Brutality in place of Mr. Curvin; and Mr. Curvin is to be Chairman of the Employment Committee in place of Mr. Carter. This change was agreeable to all.

The subject of Police Brutality was discussed. Mr. Weber stated that CORE was not equipped to give financial support in the defense of individual cases. However, should a case^{arise} which is clearly defined in the defendant's favor, with reliable witnesses involved, CORE should be prepared to investigate-by immediately interrogating witnesses, and enlisting other organizations to financially support the legal costs of the case.

Meeting was adjourned .

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Stanley, Recording Sec.